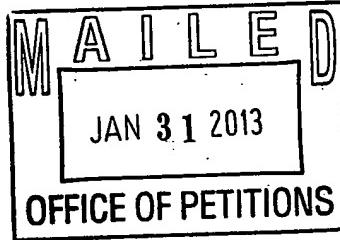




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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed October 26, 2012, and resubmitted on November 9, 2012, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of the second maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued on April 8, 2003. The patent expired on April 9, 2011, for failure to timely remit the second maintenance fee.

This petition was filed timely under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c) within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e). Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

The Office notes that the address given on the petition differs from the address of record in the USPTO. The patent file does not indicate that patentee filed a change of correspondence address in this case. If the patent practitioner or patentee desires to receive future correspondence regarding this patent, the appropriate change of correspondence address must be submitted. As a one-time courtesy, the Office is mailing a copy of this decision to the address listed on the present petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211.

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